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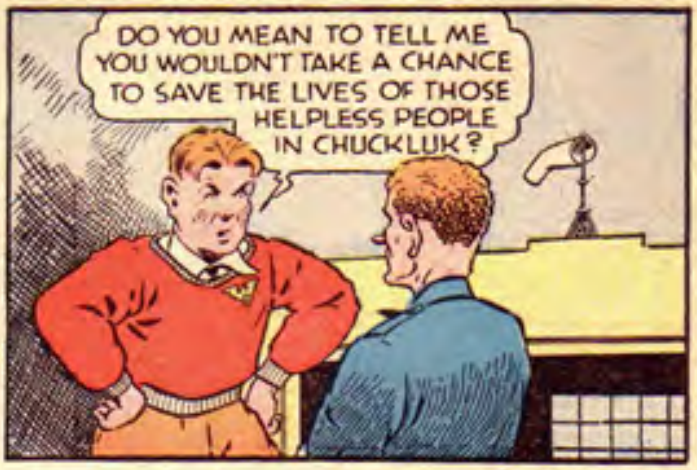

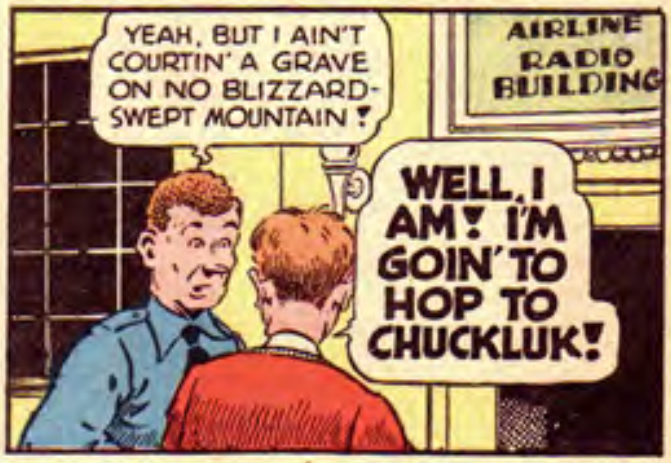

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DURING THE MAD RUSH OF MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE HAZARDOUS FLIGHT TO CHUCKLUK, (A STRICKEN ARCTIC TOWN), BARNEY FINDS A VALUABLE "FRIEND"—

ARE YOU THE GENTLEMAN THEY CALL "THORG"?

YAH, ME TORG

IAL

DID YOU USE TO LIVE IN CHUCKLUK, THORG?

YAH. IT BANE A TOFF PLACE TO LIVE IN, TOO!

HAVE YOU HEARD THE TOWN IS SNOWED IN AND THE PEOPLE ARE STARVING TO DEATH?

I GUESS I NO HEAR ABOUT IT-

IAL

WELL, IF YOU'LL TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT TH' COUNTRY UP THERE, I'LL FLY SOME FOOD TO TH' PLACE AND SAVE A LOT OF LIVES!

I DON'T TANK I KNOW VAT YOU TALK ABOUT-

GOSH, "HAP"! THIS FELLOW, THORG, IS A QUEER GUY! HE CAN'T··· OR WON'T··· TELL US A DARN THING ABOUT CHUCKLUK!

WHY WASTE YOUR TIME ON HIM? HE'S A DUMB OX!

BUT THORG ISN'T SO DUMB!

HIS APPARENT STUBBORN NESS IS NOTHING BUT A MASK!

YAH, I TANK YOUNG BAXTER NEVER GET TO CHUCKLUK WITHOUT OL' TORG! AND, BY YIMMINY, I TELL HIM NOTTIN'!

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I BANE GOT A BIG SCHEME IN MY HEAD AN' I DON'T TANK I WILL MOFF IT!

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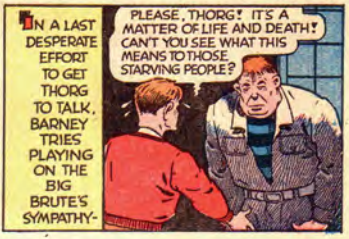

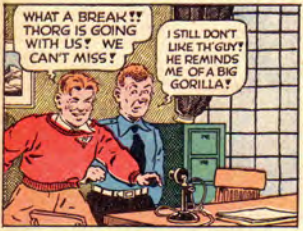

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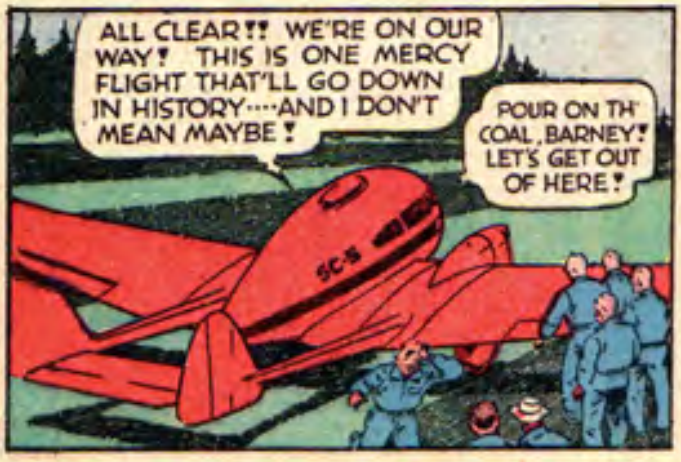
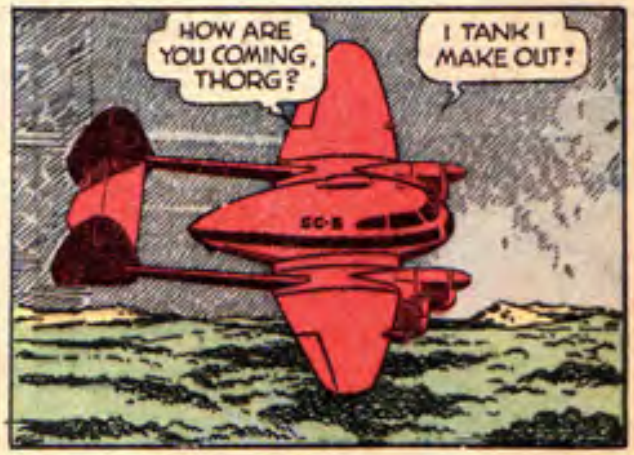
IN SEATTLE, BARNEY, "HAP" AND THORG DON THEIR ARCTIC CLOTHING AND PREPARE TO BOARD THE STURDY SC-5 FOR THE NEXT LEG OF THEIR FLIGHT TO CHUCKLUK~





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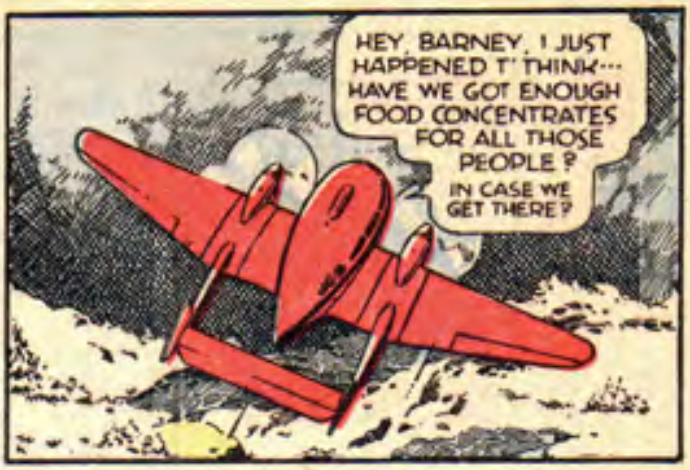

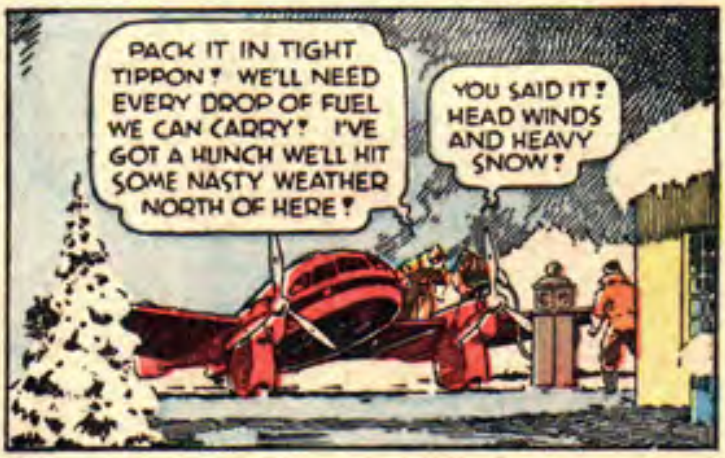

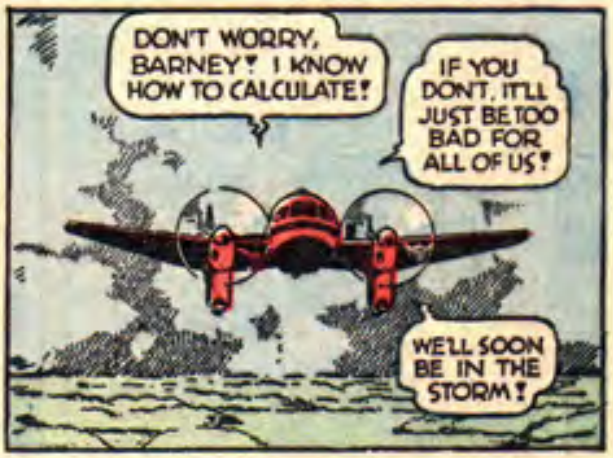

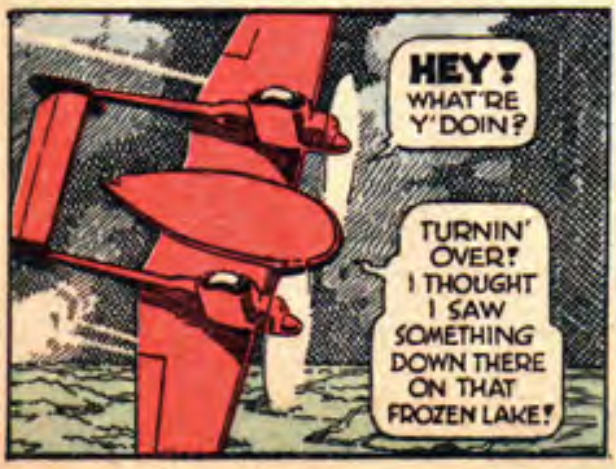

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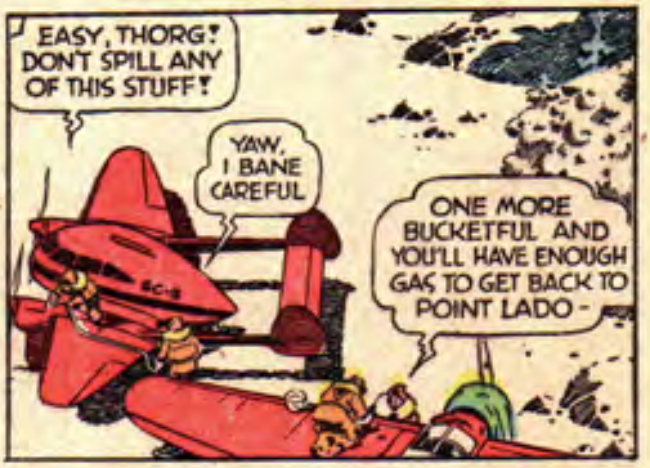

THE COLD ENGINE IS FINALLY STARTED AND AFTER A LENGTHY WARMING-UP PERIOD, IS GUNNED FOR A TAKE-OFF·

EVEN BEFORE THE RESCUED FLIER HAS VANISHED TO THE SOUTH, BARNEY, "HAP" AND THORG ARE IN THE·AIR··RESUMING THEIR FLIGHT·· ··· SHORT OF GAS!

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BUCKING TERRIFIC WINDS, THRU THE WORST STORM BARNEY HAS EVER EXPERIENCED, THE STURDY SC-5 CONTINUES NORTHWARD-

ANSWER ME! ARE THERE ANY MOUNTAINS AROUND CHUCKLUK?

YAW, IT BANE SURROUNDED BY ROCKY HILLS····YOU GET IN A CANYON FROM SOUTH SIDE, THO', BY YIMMINY!

HEY, BARNEY!

WHAT IS IT, "HAP"?

ACCORDIN' TO MY NAVIGATION FIGURES, WE OTTA BE RIGHT OVER TH' PLACE! SO··· IF YOU START CIRCLIN'··· I'LL MAKE A CONTOUR MAP BY READIN' TH' TERRAIN CLEARANCE INDICATOR!

GOSH, BARNEY! TH' TERRAIN CLEARANCE INDICATOR SHOWS A HIGH MOUNTAIN TO TH' EAST OF US!

HOW ABOUT DROPPIN' SOME ALTITUDE?

OKAY, BUT, DO IT ON TH' WEST SIDE!

AND FOR GOSH SAKES, TAKE IT EASY!

MIRACLE OF MIRACLES!! THE SC-5 SUDDENLY COMES OUT BENEATH THE IMPENETRABLE CLOUD-BANK ONTO A VAST WHITE CARPET OF SNOW AND ICE!

JUMPIN' JITTER BUGS! AM I HAVING A DREAM?

IF YOU ARE, IT'S TH' BEST ONE YOU EVER HAD!

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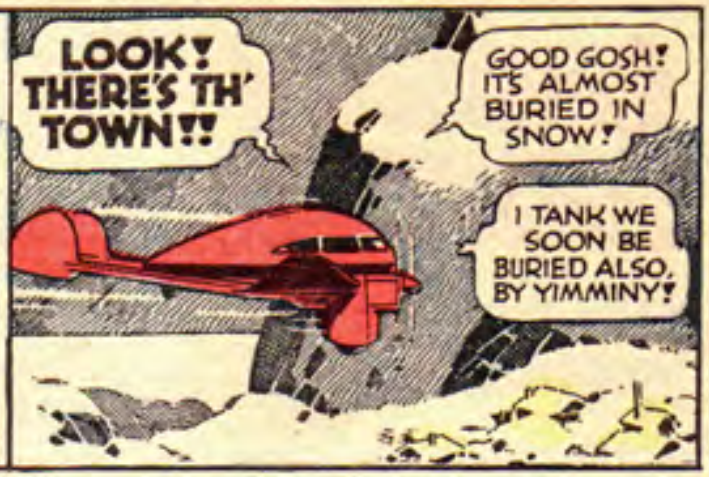

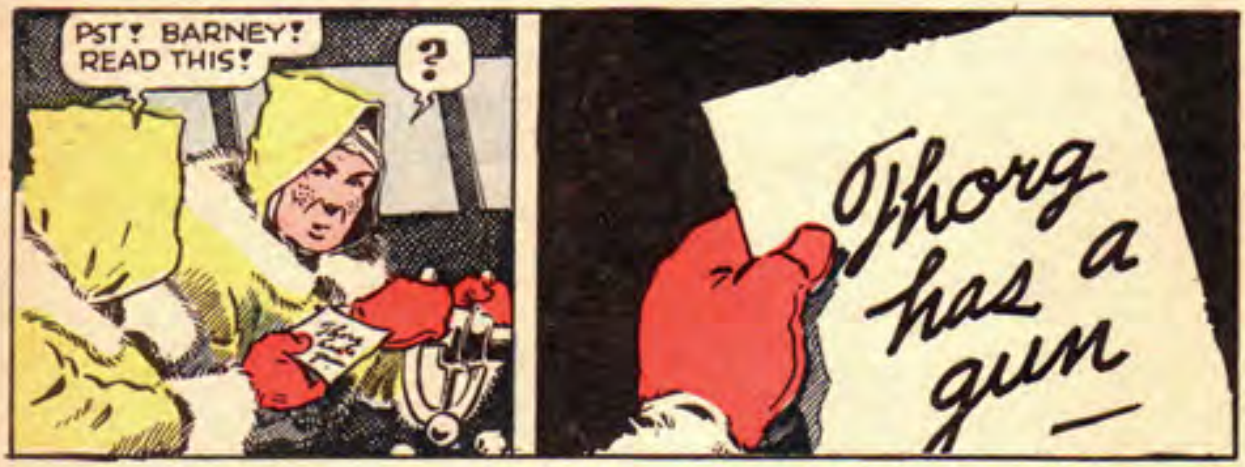

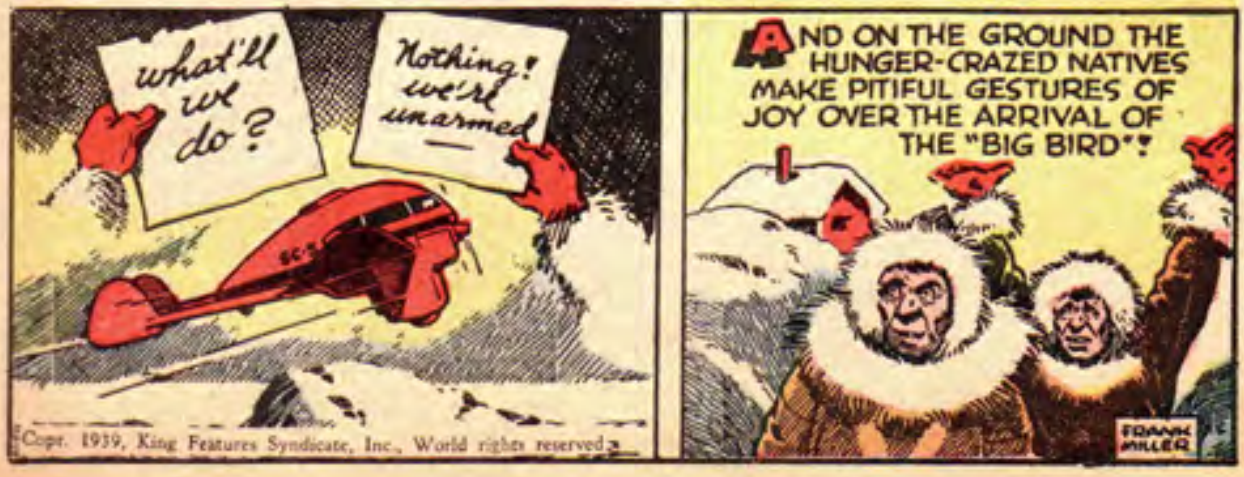

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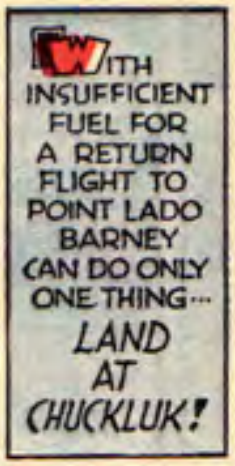

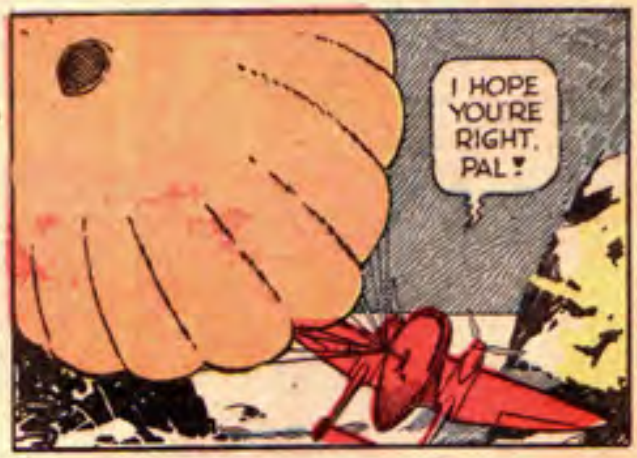

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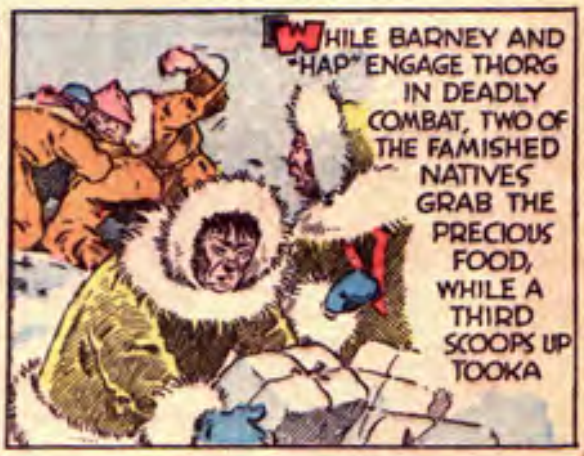

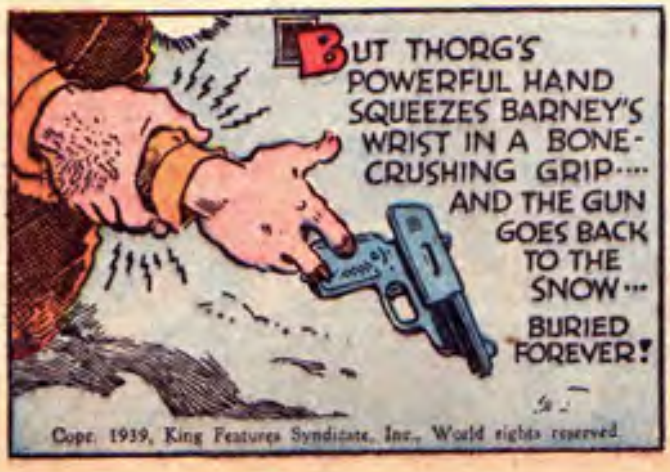

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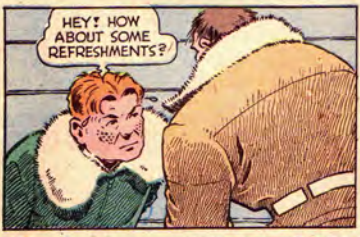

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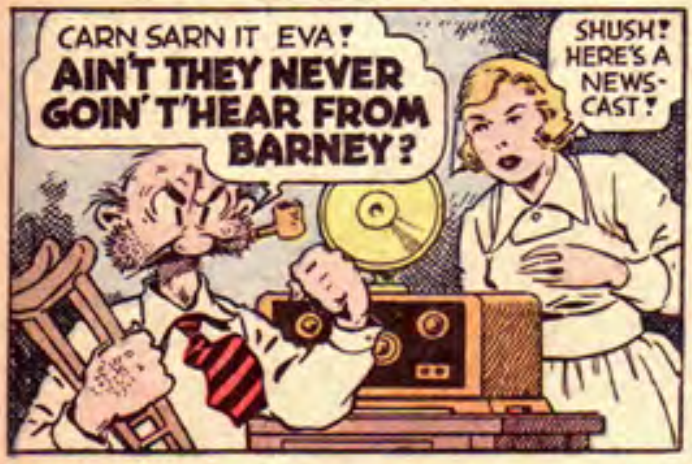

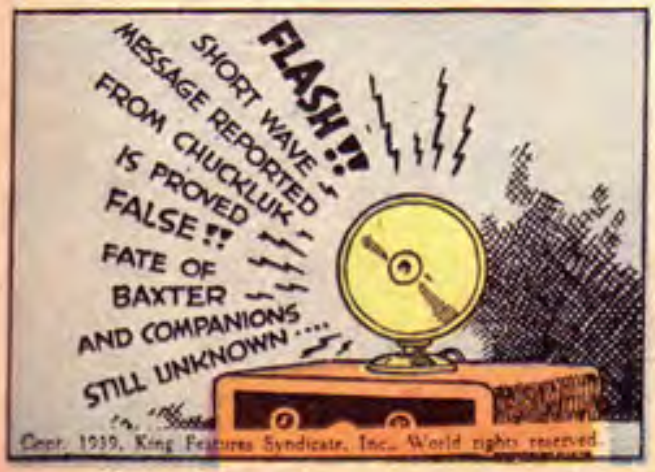

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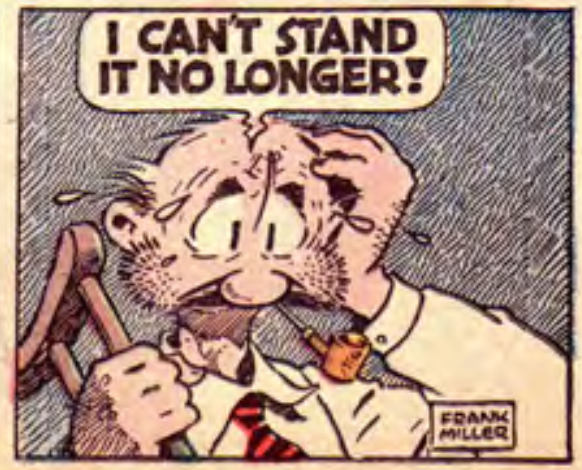

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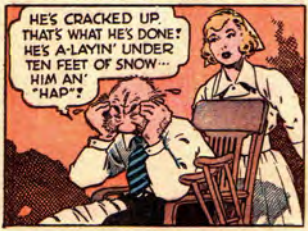

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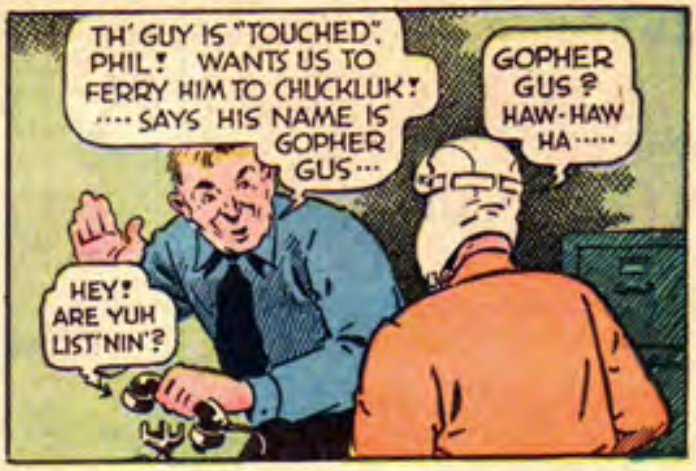

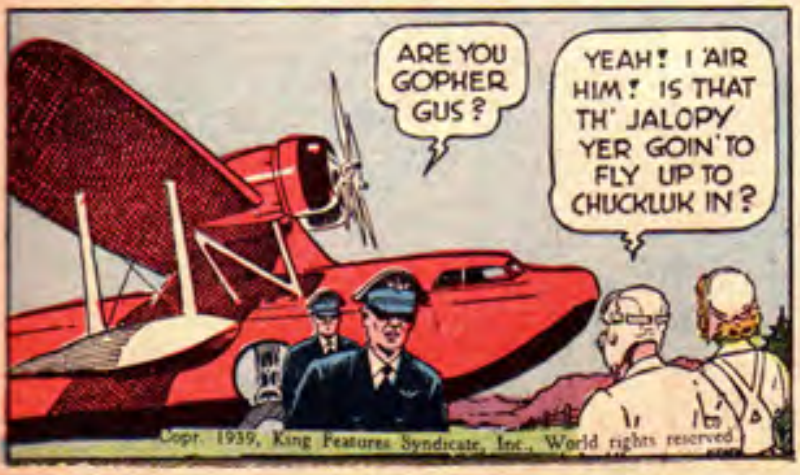

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FAR OFF TO THE SOUTH MUSHTUK'S SENSITIVE EARS DETECT A FAINT DRONING OF MOTORS!

A PLANE IS COMING!

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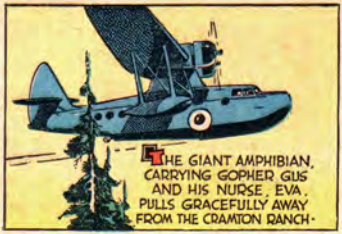

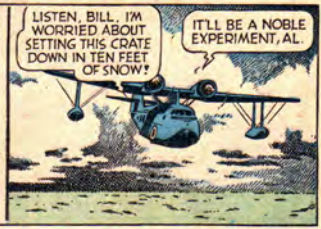

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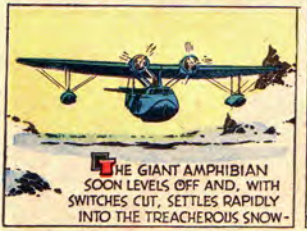
GREAT EXCITEMENT REIGNS IN THE VILLAGE OF CHUCKLUK AS THE ROAR OF AN APPROACHING PLANE FILLS THE AIR!

IT'S THE S-43!



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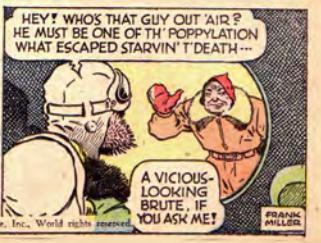

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A-HOY, THERE! IS BARNEY BAXTER AROUND?
YAW, HE BANE WAITING FOR YOU IN TH' WILLAGE! HE DON'T FAIL SO GOOD! HE SANT ME OUT TO WELCOME YOU!
QUICKLY, THE PILOT THROWS OPEN A DOOR AND·····
STAY WHERE YOU ARE AN DON'T TALK!
BARNEY, WITH EVERY OUNCE OF STRENGTH LEFT IN HIS BODY, DRAGS HIMSELF TO THE WINDOW AND WITNESSES THE TENSE DRAMA BEING ENACTED AT THE SNOW-LOCKED PLANE!
IT'S··IT'S A RESCUE PLANE, "HAP"! BUT THORG···· HE···· HE·· HE WON'T LET 'EM GET OUT-HE·····
AND THEN BARNEY COLLAPSES!!
YAW, IT'S ME YOU'RE GOIN' TO RESCUE! IT'S ME WHAT'S GIVIN' ORDERS! SEE?
WHAT'S TH' BIG IDEA, MISTER?
WAIT A MINUTE, BIG BOY! WE'RE NOT RUNNING A FERRY SERVICE!!
WHERE'S BARNEY BAXTER?
HEY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON OUT THERE? WHAT'S TH' DELAY?
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THORG, WITH A BAG FULL OF PRICELESS GEMS HIDDEN ON HIS PERSON, MAKES A BOLD ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM CHUCKLUK···

YOU BANE TAKE ME OUT OFF DIS PLACE RIGHT NOW, SEE?

BUT THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE!

THE SHIP IS LOCKED IN THE SNOW!

YAW? WELL, I TANK YOU CAN TRY! GET IN!

BUT THERE IS ONE THING THORG HASN'T FIGURED ON····AND THAT'S GOPHER GUS!!!

WHAM!! BANG! POW! SOCK!!

WHACK

YOU AIN'T GIVIN' ME NO ORDERS, BIG BOY!!

BANG

GIVE IT TO HIM, GUSSIE! BEAT HIM TO A PULP!!

WELL, I'LL BE A ····! I THOUGHT GUS WAS A CRIPPLE!

PST··· WHITE LADY·· YOU COME WITH ME SEE BAXTER, HUH?

?

OH, HEAVENS, YES! BARNEY AND "HAP"! DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?

YUP! YOU FOLLOW FAST!

ARE THEY ···ALIVE?

ME NOT SURE! YOU LOOK 'UM WITH OWN EYES

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THE TRICKS OF FATE ARE MANY AND VARIED.

OUR BRAVE BLONDE NURSE NOW FACES "HAP" WALTERS TO WHOM SHE ONCE GAVE THE "RUN-AROUND."

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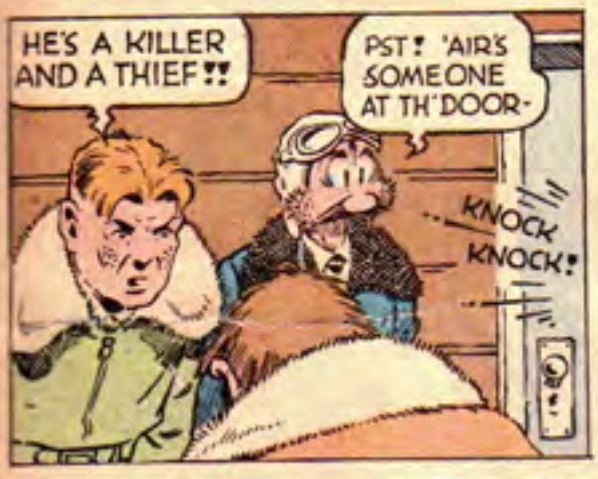

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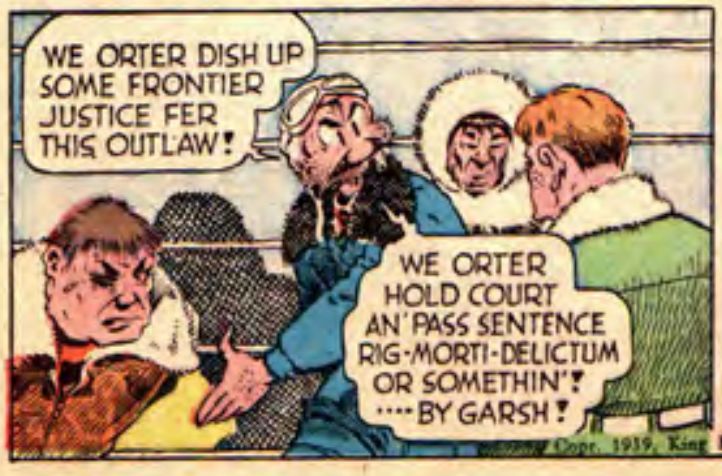
CHIEF YAK QUICKLY RECOVERS THE JEWELS FROM THORG AND PLACES THEM IN HIS PARKA.

BARNEY SIGHS WITH RELIEF···



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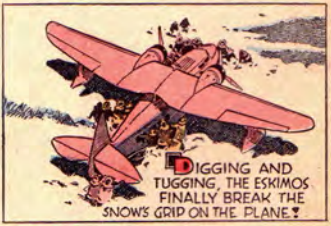

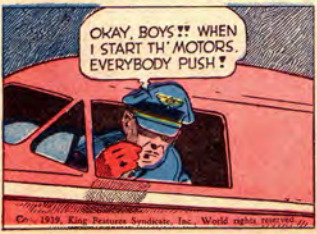

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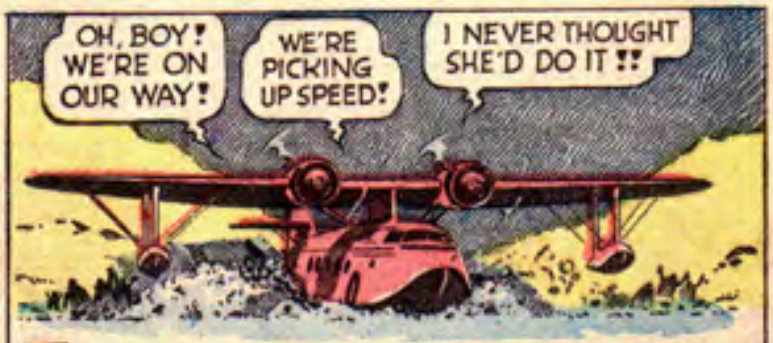

POUNDING VIOLENTLY THRU THE MELTING SNOW, THE PLANE'S HULL IS BATTERED ALMOST TO THE CRASHING POINT

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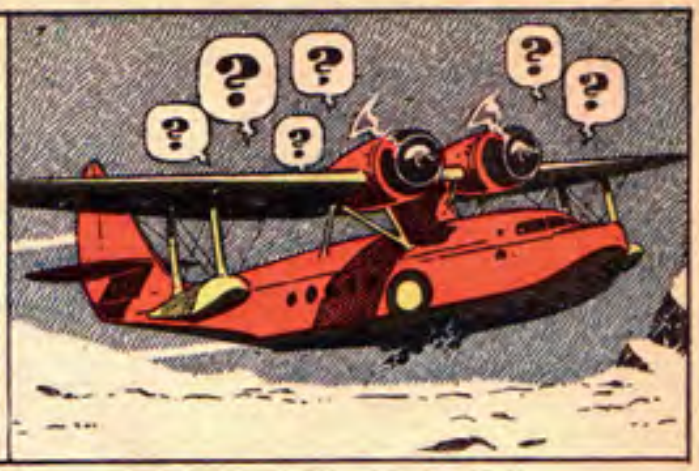

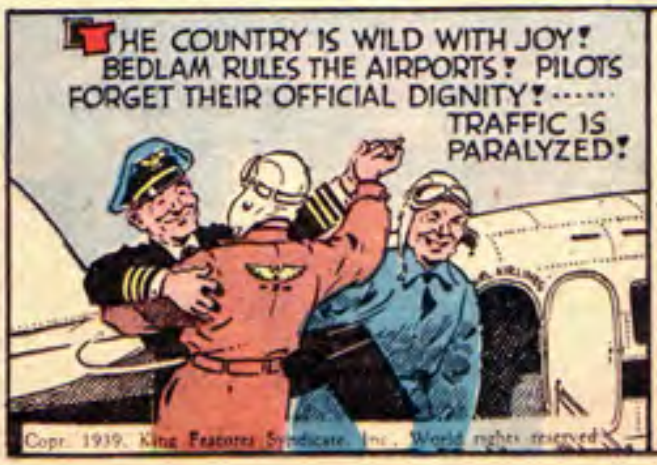

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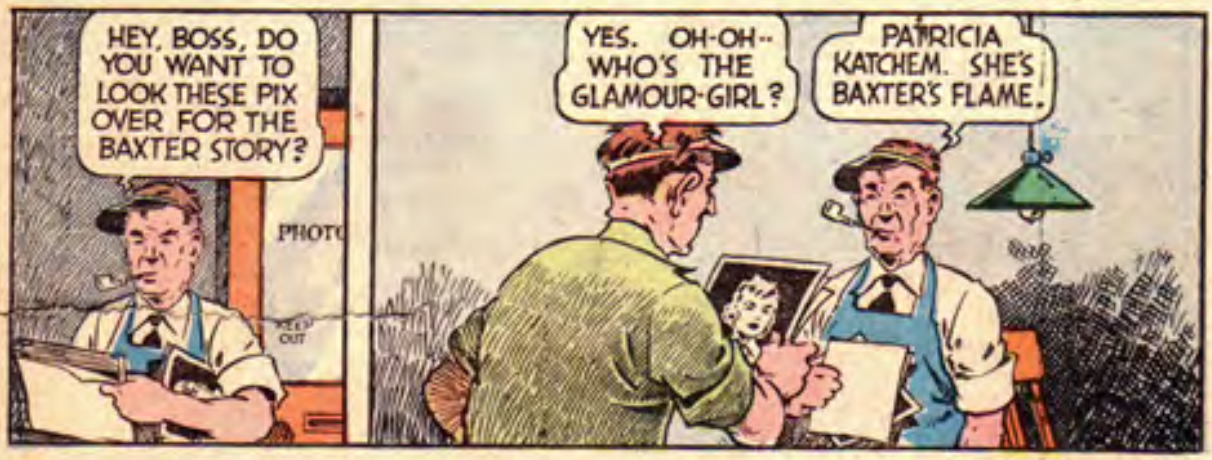

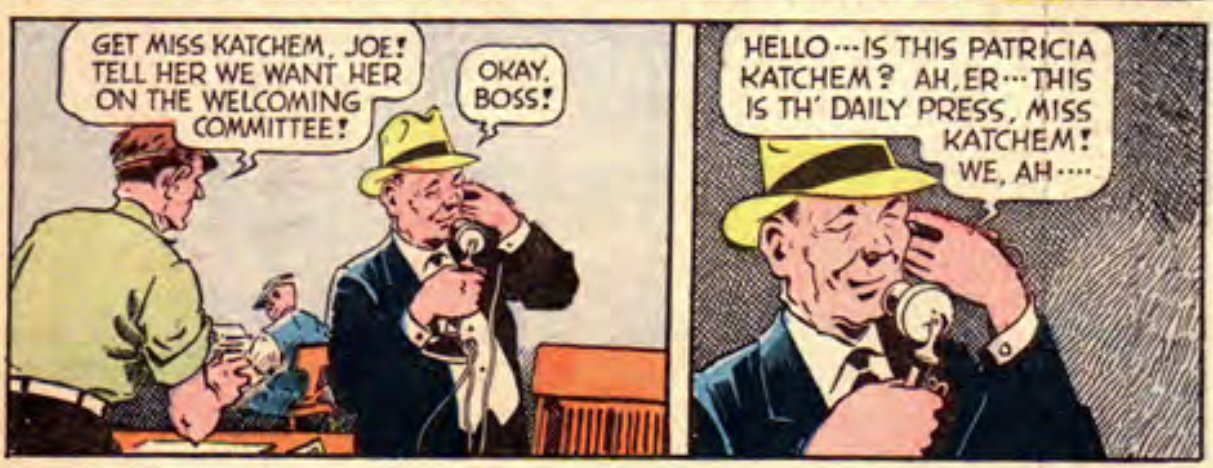

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NEVER BEFORE HAS AN AIRPORT PROVED TO BE SUCH A MIGHTY MAGNET!

HUGE CROWDS MILL AROUND IN HUSHED ANTICIPATION.....

STAND BACK, FOLKS. STAND BACK!

'TENSHUN! LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!! THE ARCTIC PLANE HAS JUST BEEN SIGHTED FROM THE TRAFFIC TOWER!! PLEASE STAY OFF THE FIELD!!

LOOK! HERE IT COMES!!

HOO-RAY!

I SEE IT!!

B'LIEVE IT OR NOT, AL, WE'RE H-O-M-E!

YEA, MAN! AND LUCKY TO BE ALIVE, IF YOU'RE ASKIN' ME!

GOOD GRIEF! LOOK AT THE MOB DOWN THERE! DID YOU EVER SEE SO MANY PEOPLE?

NOT SINCE TH' GOLD-RUSH, BARNEY!

IT'S THE "WELCOMING COMMITTEE," BILL--

SAYS YOU?

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THE GIANT AMPHIBIAN MAKES A A PERFECT THREE-POINT LANDING TO COMPLETE ITS LONG AND HAZARDOUS HOP FROM THE FROZEN NORTHLANDS!

AND EVEN BEFORE THE ENGINES ARE CUT, THE CROWD GETS OUT OF CONTROL AND·····

RUSHES MADLY ONTO THE FIELD!

BEDLAM REIGNS!!

GEE, FOLKS! THIS IS A SURPRISE! WE··WE·····

GANG-WAY!

HE'S MINE!

I SAW HIM FIRST!

IT'S BARNEY!

AND, SOMEWHERE IN THE WILD CONFUSION, PATRICIA KATCHEM STRUGGLES VAINLY FOR A GLIMPSE OF HER BARNEY!

OH! THIS IS TERRIBLE! IT'S A MAD-HOUSE!

PUSHING AND SHOVING WITH ALL THEIR STRENGTH, THE DAUNTLESS POLICE FINALLY CLEAR THE FIELD!

BUT WHAT'S BECOME OF BARNEY AND HIS FELLOW-HEROES?

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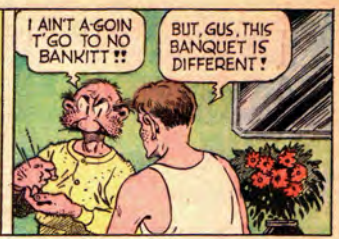

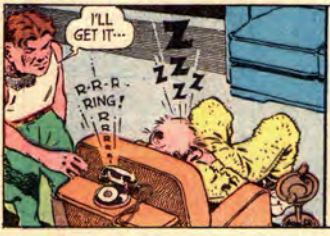

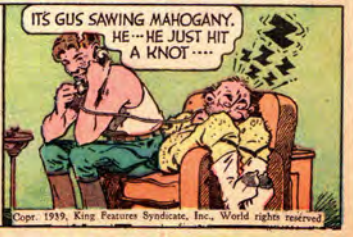

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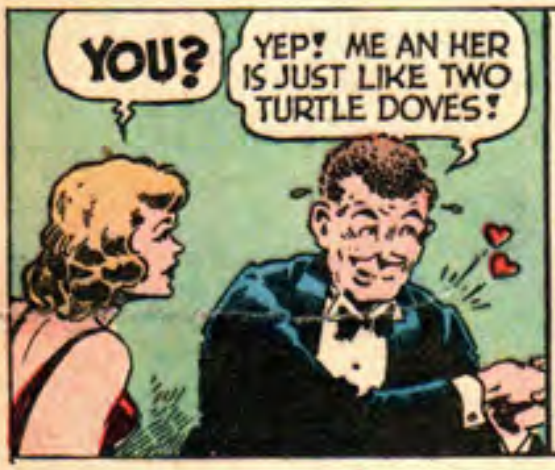

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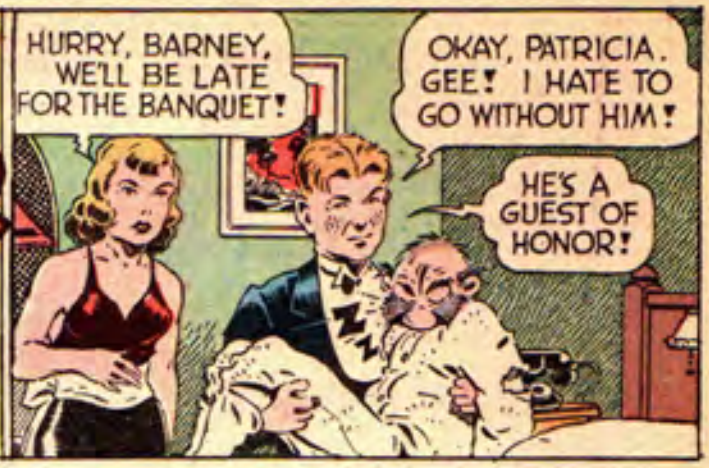

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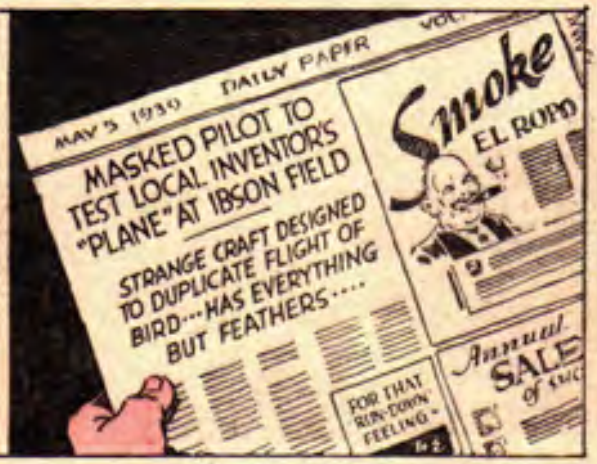

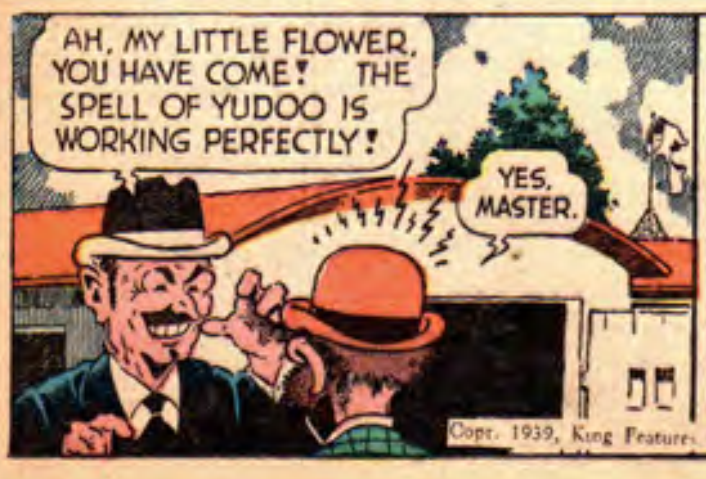

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IN A COMPLETE HYPNOTIC TRANCE, GOPHER GUS IS LED INTO THE OLD DELAPIDATED HANGAR

BARNEY AND "HAP" ARRIVE JUST IN TIME TO SEE THE "SUPER SPARROW" EMERGE FROM THE HANGAR···

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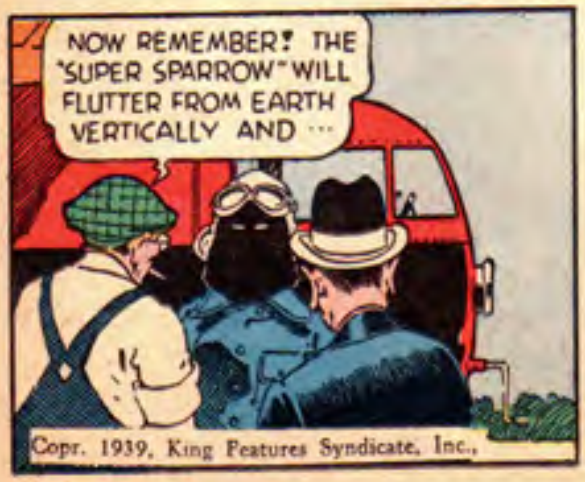

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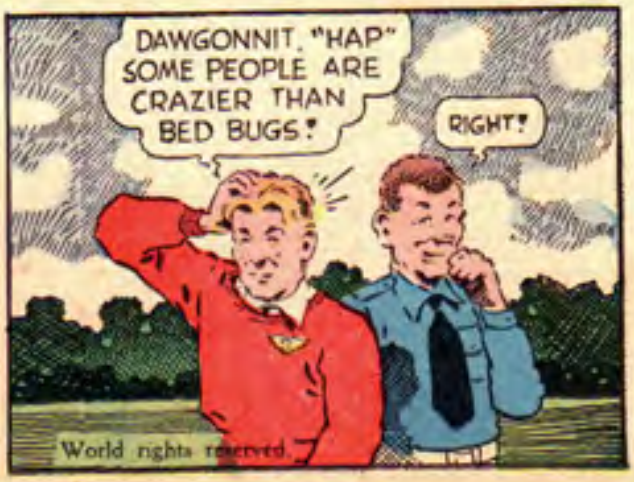

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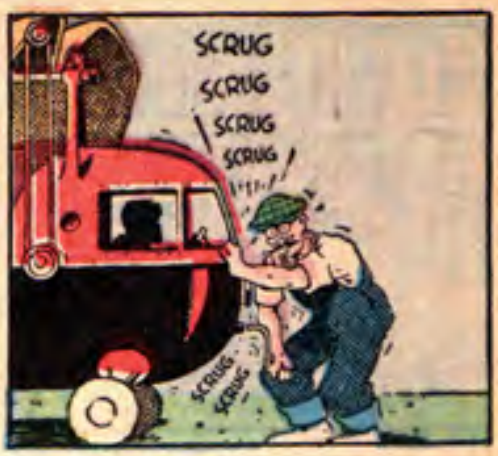
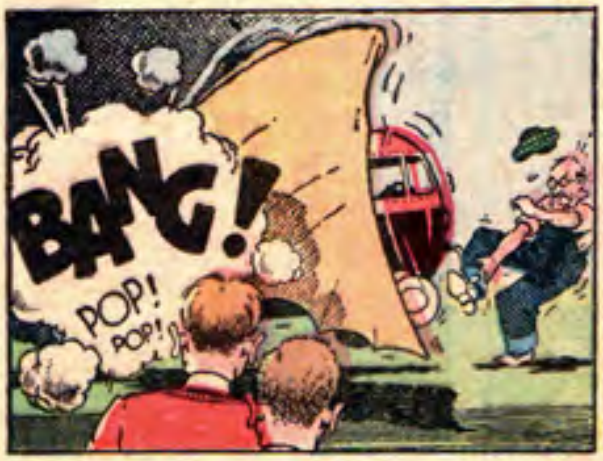
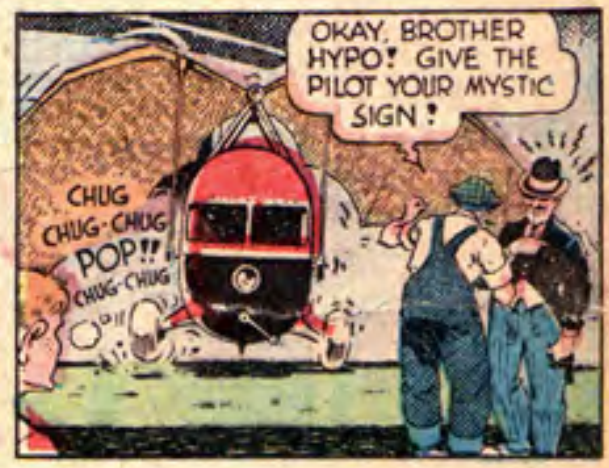
WITH THE MYSTERIOUS MASKED PILOT (GOPHER GUS) AT THE CONTROLS OF THE "SUPER SPARROW", SCROZZO CRANKS THE ENGINE!







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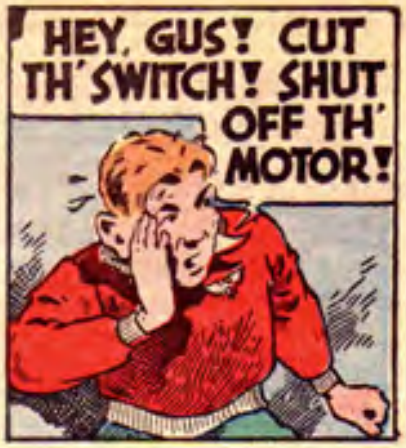

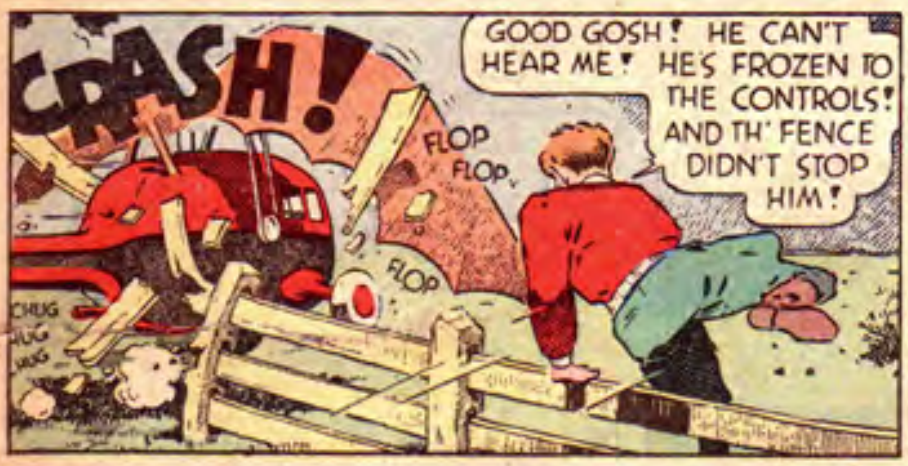

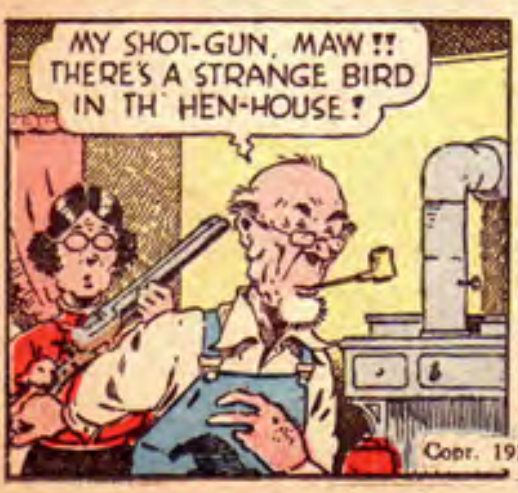

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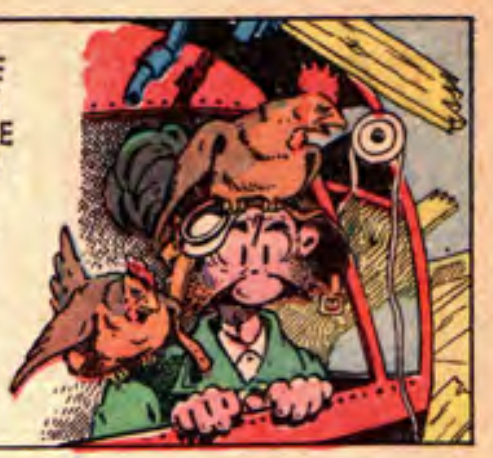
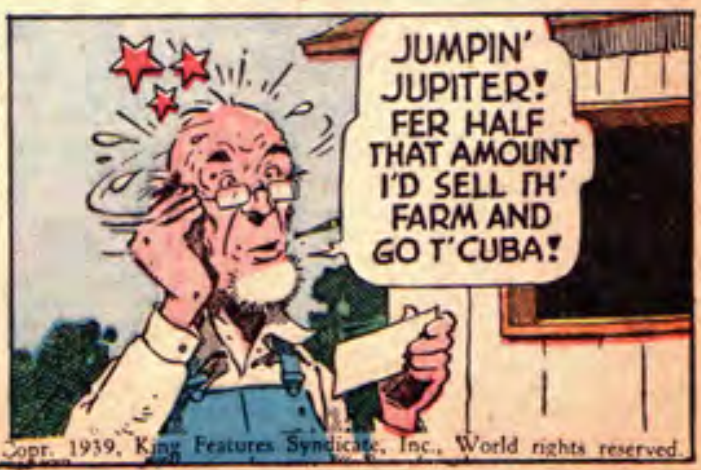
A STRANGE SIGHT GREETS BARNEY AND THE IRATE FARMER AS THEY APPROACH THE SPOT WHERE THE "SUPER SPARROW" CAME TO REST···





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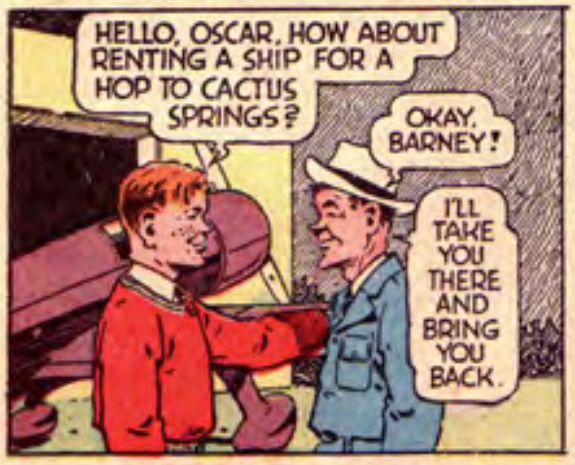
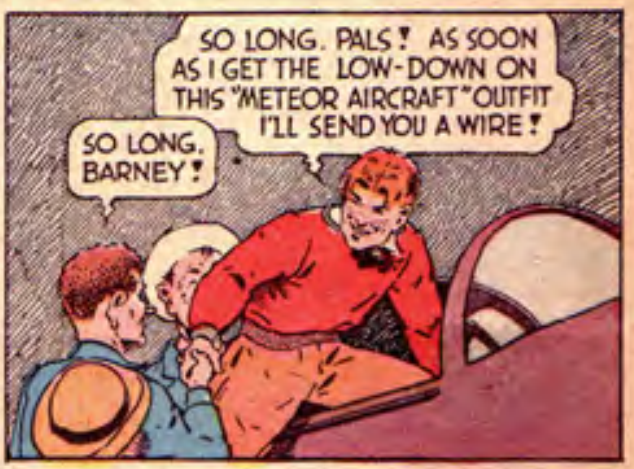
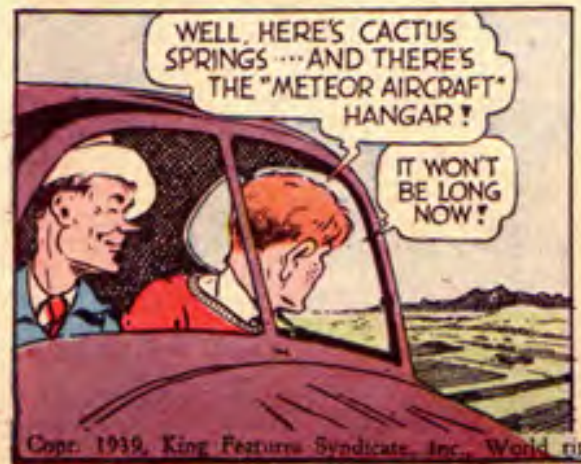
MYSTIFIED BY THE URGENT TELEGRAM FROM THE "METEOR AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE WORKS," ASKING FOR HIS SERVICES, BARNEY DECIDES TO INVESTIGATE.







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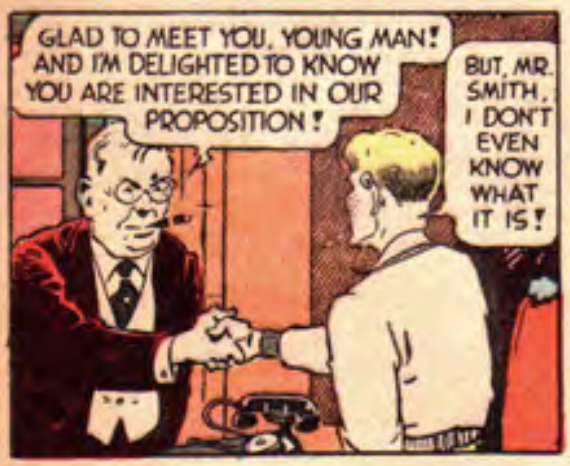

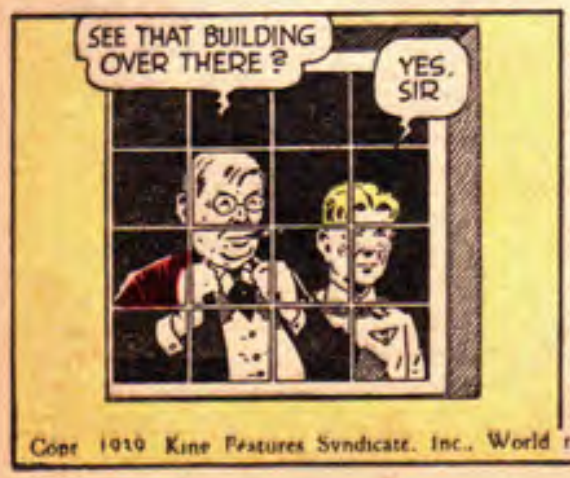

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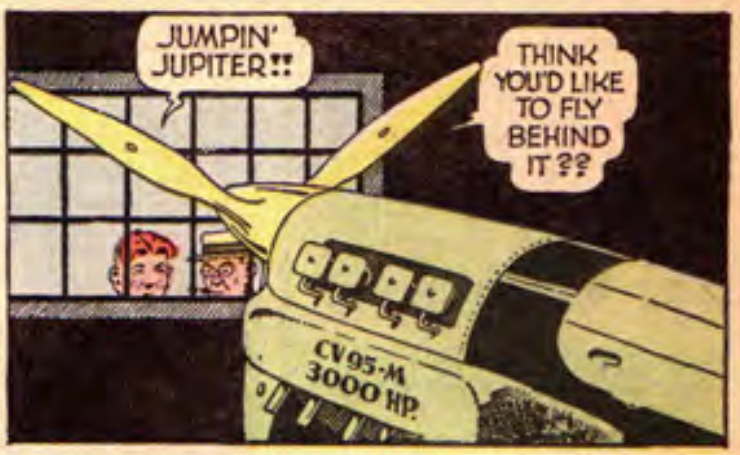

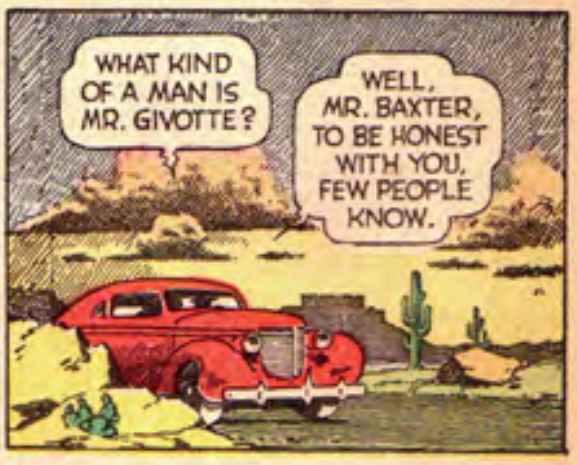

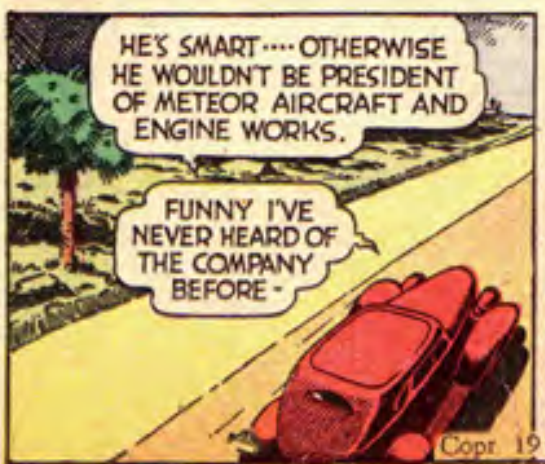

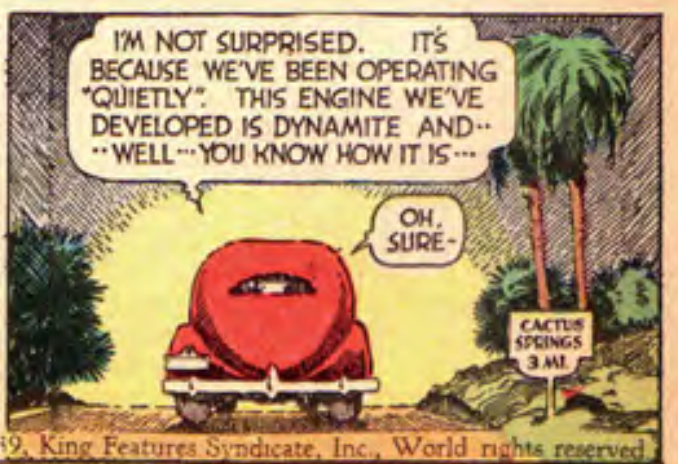

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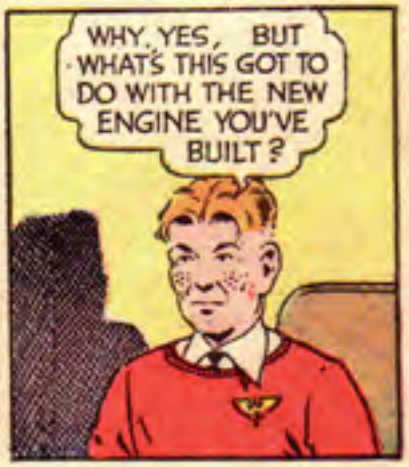

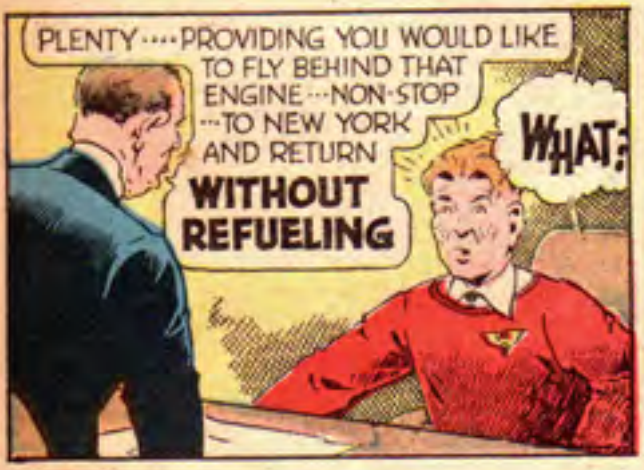

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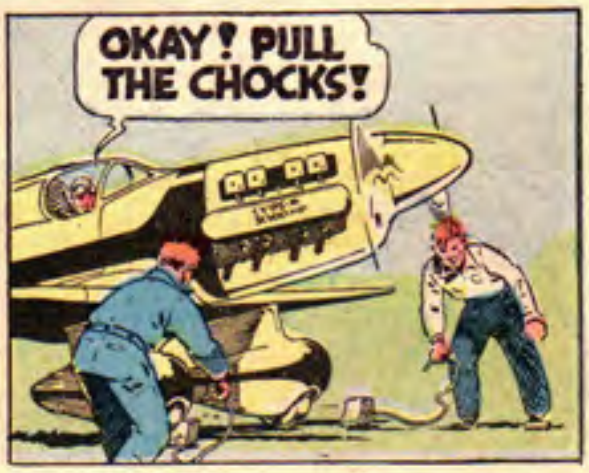

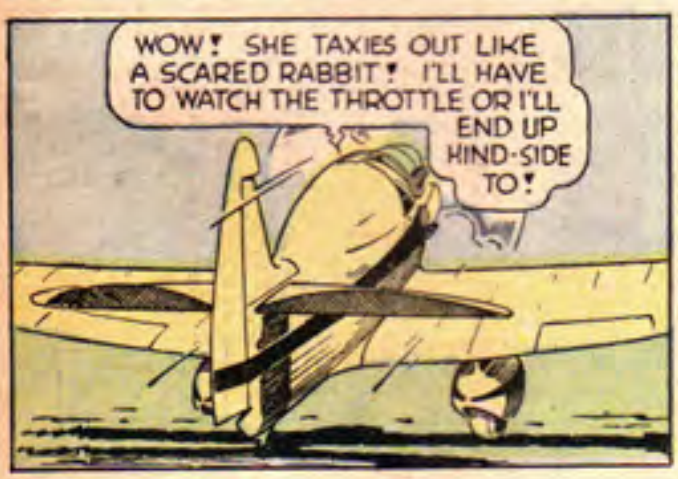

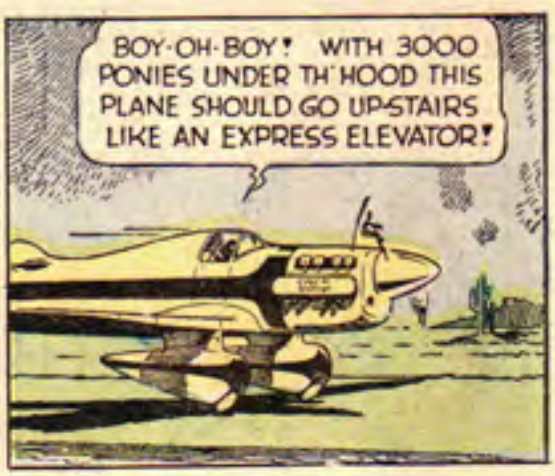

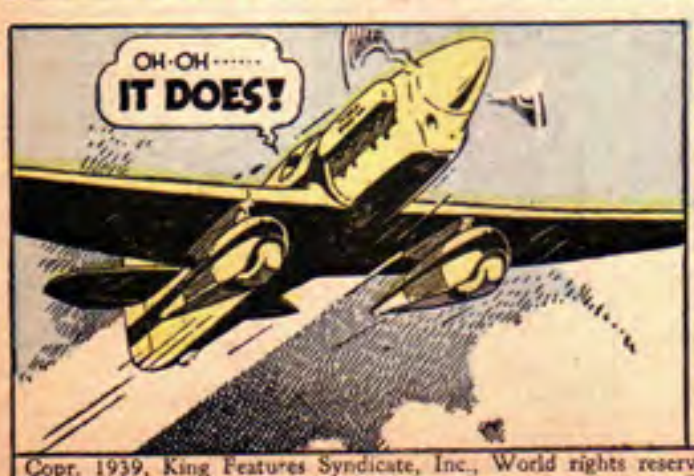

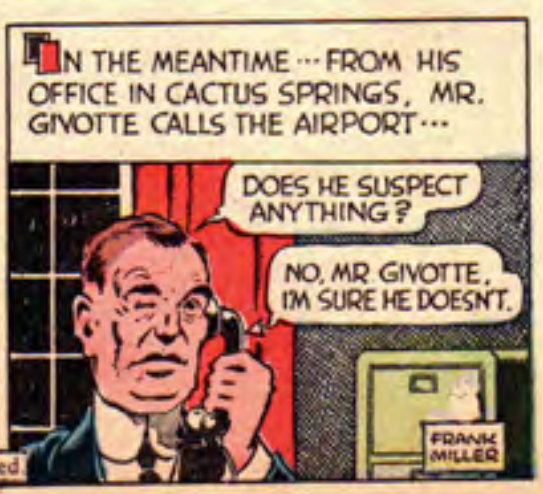

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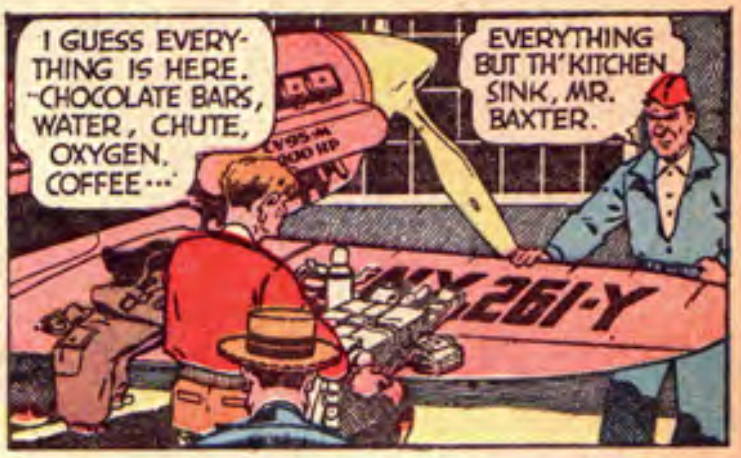

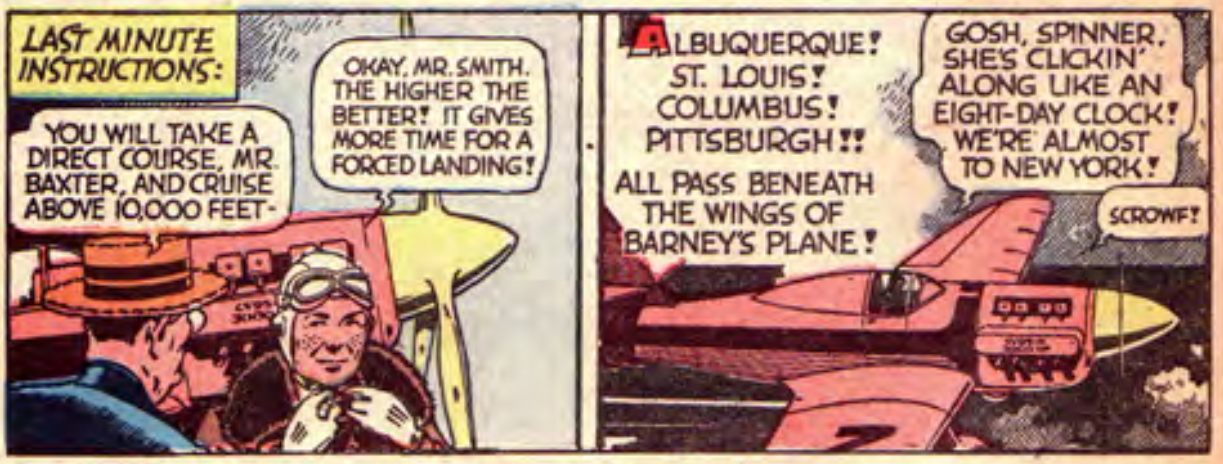

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BARNEY EXECUTES A PERFECT TURN AROUND THE TRYLON AT THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR AND HEADS WESTWARD!
GOSH, SPINNER, THIS IS THE HALF-WAY MARK AND STILL THE ENGINE DOESN'T QUIT!
SCROWF!
IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, SPINNER! THIS CRATE SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF GAS LONG AGO!?
SCROWF?
I CAN'T STAND IT ANY LONGER! THIS BUSINESS OF BEING ON EDGE ··· NOT KNOWING HOW MUCH FUEL IS IN THE TANKS ··· IS GETTING ME DOWN!
I THINK I'LL DISCONNECT THE LINE TO THE FUEL GAUGE ··· ITS PROBLY CLOGGED UP ··· JUST LIKE MY BRAIN IS.
EASY NOW ··· I DON'T WANT TO SQUIRT GAS ALL OVER THE COCKPIT. ··· THERE ··· IT CAME OFF AND ····· (SNIFF-SNIFF) ··· GOOD GOSH, WHAT'S THIS?
JUMPIN' BULL FROGS! OUR FUEL TANKS ARE FILLED WITH WATER!
WE'RE FLYIN' ON SOMETHING BESIDES GAS!
SCROWF!
IT MUST BE YOUR NERVE!
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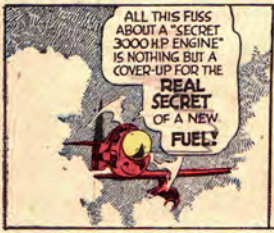

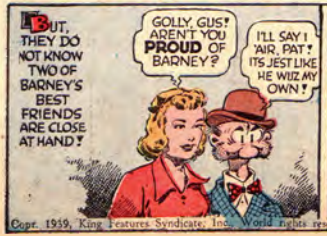

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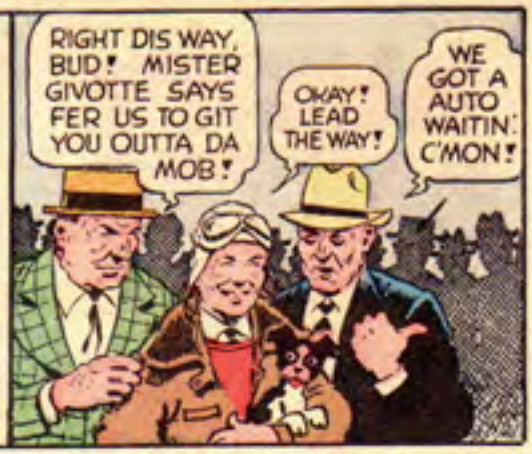
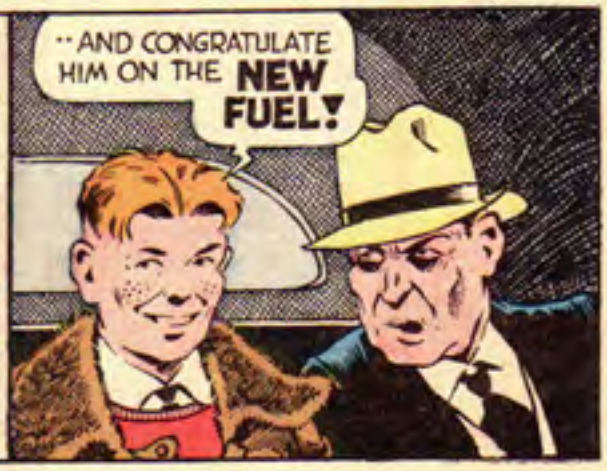
AFTER BARNEY LANDS AT THE AIR-PORT...





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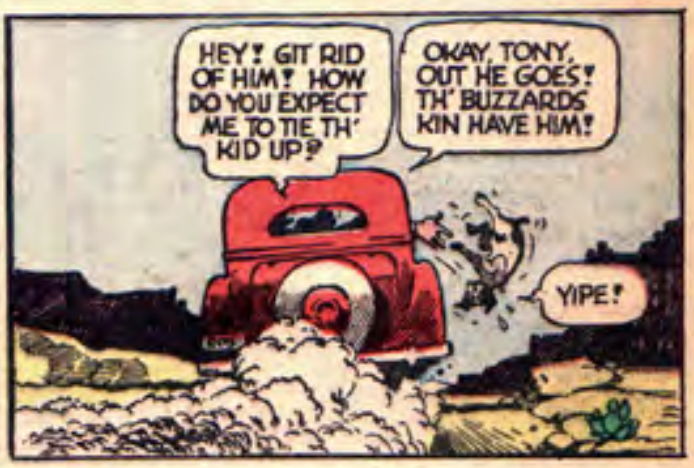

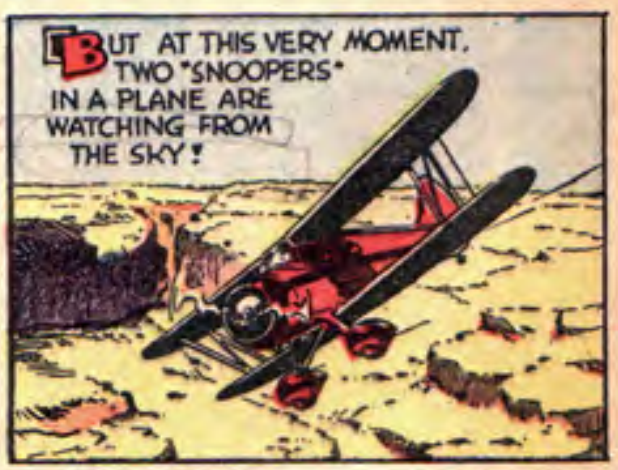

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BARNEY IS USHERED INTO THE SECRET MEETING-ROOM.....

AH, MISTER BAXTER. COME INSIDE!

?

I WANT YOU TO MEET SOME PEOPLE I HAVE CALLED HERE FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH. THEY WILL BE THE LAST YOU WILL EVER SEE.

MEESTER GIVOTTE! YOU SAID THIS WAS TO BE A SECRET CONFAIRENCE!

GET IN THAT CLOSET!

AND SHOULD YOU SUFFOCATE YOU WILL SAVE ME THE BOTHER OF EXTERMINATING YOU!

NOW, MY FRIENDS, WE WILL GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

WHAT AM I BID FOR MY SECRET? SPEAK UP!!

A MILLION QUANTILOS!

TWO MILLION SHECKLETS!

FOUR MILLION YENAS!

SIX MILLION PARANOS!

AH, THE BIDDING IS BRISK! WHAT WAS YOUR OFFER, MISS TONYA?

ONE MILLION QUANTILOS. THE LEAST OF ALL!

HM-M-M. YOU ARE A VERY PRETTY WOMAN. YOU FASCINATE ME. NOW IF I WERE TO ACCEPT YOUR BID....

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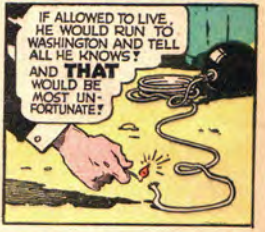

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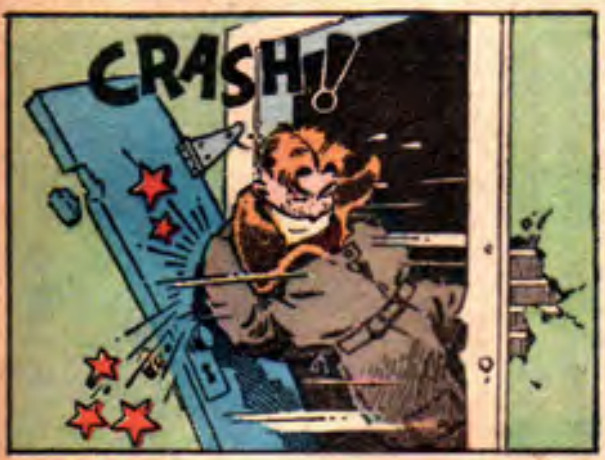
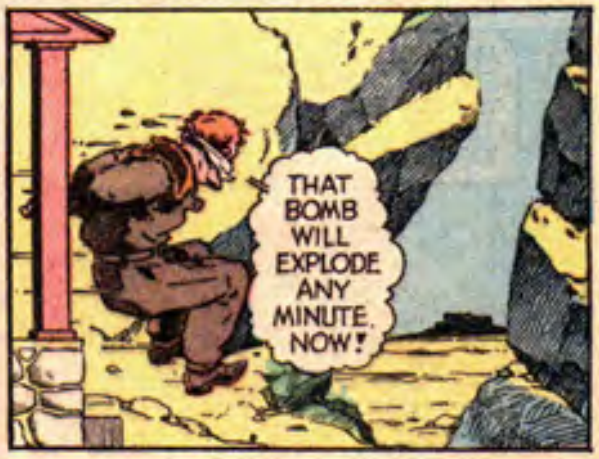
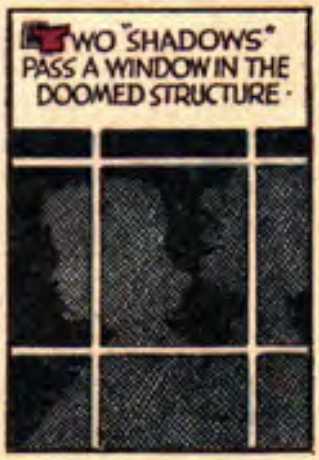
PATRICIA AND GOPHER GUS ENTER THE BUILDING







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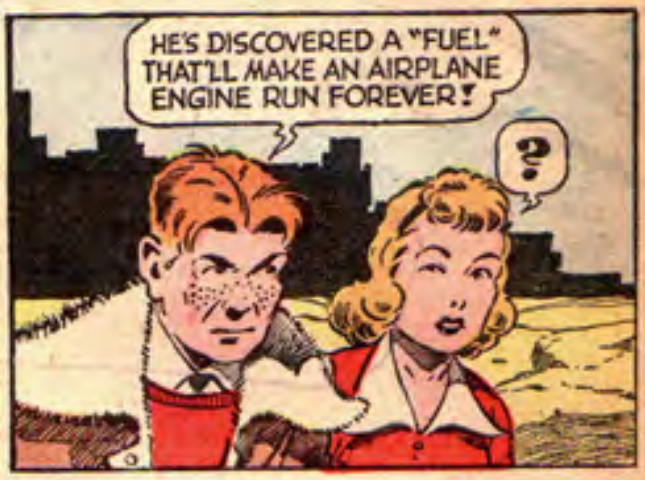
BARNEY RESCUES PATRICIA AND GOPHER GUS FROM THE DOOMED BUILDING SECONDS BEFORE IT EXPLODES



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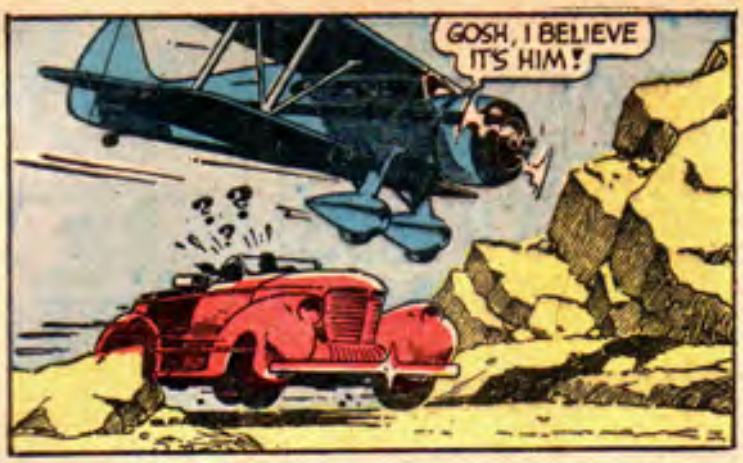

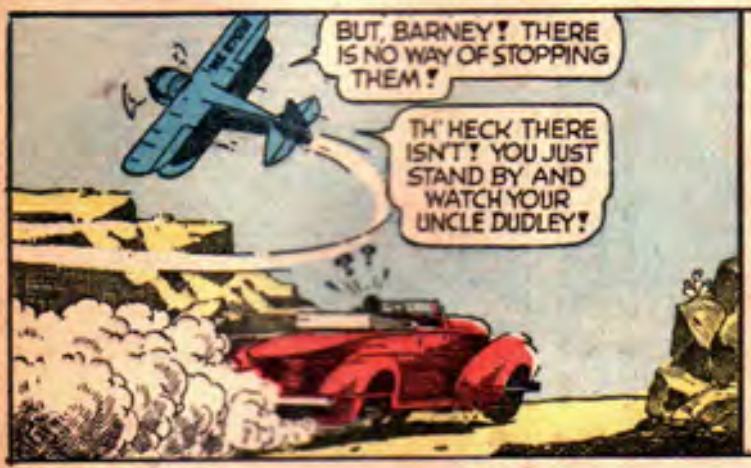

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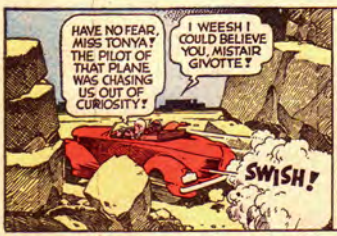
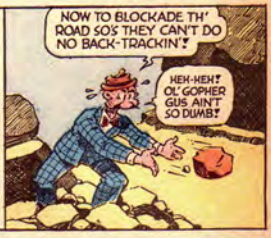
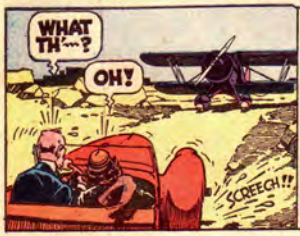
GOPHER GUS LEAVES BARNEY AND PATRICIA AT THE PLANE AND RUNS AROUND A BEND IN THE ROAD...







AND THEN BARNEY AND PATRICIA COME AROUND THE BEND...

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